programmes, meetings of dock safety committee etc. are some of the steps taken to prevent accidents in ports and docks.

Statement

Details of accidents (number of injuries) which took place in the major ports during the years 1988, 1989 *and* 1990.

Sl.No.	Name of Major ports.	1988		1989		1990	
		Fatal	Non-fatal	fatal	Non-fatal	fatal	Non-fatal
1	Bombay	5	114	4	97	6	86
2	Calcutta	2	332	..	371	2	381
3	Cochin	..	170	..	205	..	157
4	Kandla	5	13	..	21	3	26
5	Madras	4	151	5	138	2	120
6	Mormugao	2	36	3	29	..	20
7	New Mangalore	2	15	1	8	..	41
8	Paradip	1	3	1	8	2	2
9	Tuticorin	1	45	3	33	1	31
10	Vishakhapatnam	1	29	1	53	1	39
	Total:	23	908	18	963	17	903

Opportunities for Employment of Labour

793. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government propose to increase more opportunities for labour employment both for skilled and unskilled in farms and factories etc; and

(b) what is Government's plan to make the labour more responsive and more productive in their own interest?

THE DEPUTE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The rapid expansion of opportunities for productive employment will be a major objective of planning and economic policy. The Eighth Plan which will have employment as a central objective is under formulation.

केन्द्रीय सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन खानें

766. सरदार अजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में केन्द्रीय सरकार के नियंत्रणाधीन खानों की खनिज-वार संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उपरोक्त खानों में से अनेक खानों में किसी प्रकार का खनन-कार्य नहीं किया गया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसी खानों की संख्या कितनी है और इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) केंद्र सरकार सीधे किसी खान का संचालन नहीं करती है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Purchasing Power of Labourers

767. SHRI SANTOSH BAGROD-, IA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state in manner in which Government propose to improve the purchasing power of labourers without affecting the cost of production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): Government is making every effort to control the price rise. Public distribution system is also being streamlined. These measures are expected to improve the purchasing power of the labourers. Guidelines have also been issued to all the State Govts] U.T. Aministrations for periodical revision of minimum wages duly taking into account the rise in Consumer Price Index. Wages are also negotiated keeping in view, *inter-alia* rise in the cost of living.

Considering that the wage bill is a small proportion of the total expenditure and also the fact that the improved purchasing power will bring about an increase in productivity, the cost of production is not likely to be affected.

Irregularities in Sale of Milk in Mayapuri

768. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Milk Booth No. 0842 is mainly for the benefit of the rsidents of Delhi Development Authority's MIG flats, G-8 Area, Mayapuri, New Delhi (Rajouri Garden Residential Scheme);

(b) whether Government are aware that 90 per cent supply of milk is sold to tea stall owners who take away bulk milk supply in containers resulting in inconvenience to the residents; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The concessionaire at the Booth issues maximum 4 tokens (i.e. 2 litres of milk) to a customer on first come, first_served basis and nobody is allowed to draw milk in bulk.

Stoppage of Supply of Mother Dairy Milk for Commercial Purposes

769. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mother Dairy Booths cater to needs of General Public only or also supply milk for commercial purposes also such as Halwise Tea stall owners; and

(b) whether Mother Dairy has opened separate Booths for supply of milk for camercial use and if so, the locations thereof and if not, what steps Government propose to take to stop supply of milk for com. mercial purposes from its outlets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Mother Dairy caters to the needs of general consumers and does not supply milk (for commercial purposes to Halwais and Tea Stall Owners. However, Mother Dairy has made bilk sale of milk to certain Institutions/Organiantions for their own use through its Booths. Mother